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Sir:

This is in response to Office Action mailed on October 15, 2004, concerning the "Informality Re Payment of Fee". More particularly, the Office Action indicates that the informality regarding the payment of fees for additional claims is in connection with the Amendment filed on September 24, 2004. Because the Amendment filed on September 24, 2004 did not require any such fees, applicant's attorney initiated a telephone call with Examiner Pete Cuomo and the clerk of the group (i.e., Ms. Sharain Moreland) for the purpose of clarifying this matter. After reviewing the Amendment filed on September 24, 2004, Examiner Cuomo and Ms. Moreland both confirmed that no fees are due for the present application.

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